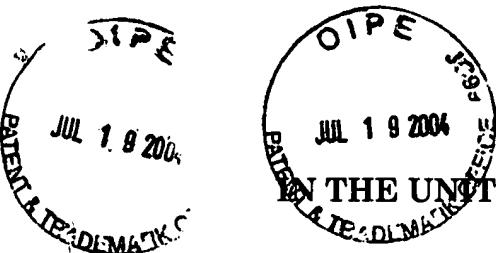


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Turpen et al.
Serial No.: 10/632,240
Filed: August 1, 2003
For: Method For Recovering Proteins From The Interstitial Fluid of Plant Tissue
Attorney's Docket No. N9525
Customer No. 34309

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and comments are submitted in response to the non-Final Office Action dated March 18, 2004. Reconsideration in view of this amendment is requested.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Request for Extension Of Time

Applicant hereby requests a retroactive one-month extension of time to and including July 18, 2004 within which to respond to the Office Action. Applicant's check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

Amendments to the Specification and Claims

Please amend the specification and the claims as follows. The specification amendments begin on the next complete page, and the claims amendments begin on the next complete page thereafter.